

TOWN OF TIVERTON

BUDGET COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2015

7:00 PM

TIVERTON TOWN HALL

343 HIGHLAND ROAD

TIVERTON, RI 02878

MINUTES

Meeting called to order 7:11 PM

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Roll Call:

Present: Deb Janick, John Souza, Donna Cook, Madeline O'Dell, Nancy Driggs, Josh Mello, Laura Epke

Absent: Alex Cote, Cecil Leonard, Louise Durfee, Joe Bento

Video taping by Andrew Rys for airing on Channel 18 during week.

1. Presentation of the following proposed 2016 budgets using 2/17/15 revised budgets:

Police Dept: by Police Chief Thomas Blakey

Questions in regards to discrepancies between the 2/4/15 and the 2/17/15 version of the proposed 2016 budget numbers (page 14, line 3) in regards to Education incentive. Difference of \$3516. Laura Epke requests clarification by Town Administrator as to rationale to changes. Nancy Mello reports changes were made at Town Administrator recommendations during Town Council workshop, although review of those minutes do not provide detail as to

rationale. Request to have Town Administrator attend next Budget Committee meeting in order to clarify. Also questioned funding of SRO (School resource officer) including salary, uniforms and testing/training, etc: Committee request that Police Chief and School Superintendent discuss the % which each department is responsible for.

Harbor and Coastal Mgmt Commission: no representation: Committee reviewed 2/17/15 revised budget. Provisional vote as detailed below.

Harbor Master: no representation: Committee reviewed 2/17/15 revised budget and questioned increase in line item for boat operations from 2015 without explanation. Motion made to continue until Town Administrator is present to explain increase. Motion by John Souza; 2nd by Deb Janick; Vote: Unanimous.

Pensions (Police, Municipal and AFSCME): John Souza requests that this item be continued until Feb 26, 2015 meeting and that Town Administrator be present for discussion. Motion per John Souza, 2nd by Josh Mello; Vote: Unanimous

Discussion of previous and current 2016 Budget Presentations including, but not limited to: reviewing, modifying, and taking provisional votes to be discussed further when preparing the Budget Committee recommendations for the FTR. Provisional votes taken as follows to accept the departmental totals as recommended by the Town Administrator/Town Council unless otherwise noted:

DEPT		Motion
Made/Seconded	Amount	VOTE
Harbor and Coastal Mgmt Commission		Laura Epke/John
Souza	\$2600	7-0-0

2. Old Business:

Format of Budget Committee final recommendations: Nancy Mello did obtain information from the other towns in RI who have FTR (Charlestown, Hopkinton, West Warwick); All towns have line items, some more detailed than others. All have info in some format on their website. Nancy Driggs volunteers to put together the excel docket sheets for this presentation to tax payers. Laura Epke and Nancy Mello will email their templates and info to Nancy Driggs for her to complete.

3. New Business:

Upcoming Budget Presentations:

a. Feb 26, 2015: Fire Dept, Hydrant Services

b. Mar 5, 2015: Department of Public Works: Capital; Salaries: Operating Expenses

Landfill Acct and Landfill Committee: Storm Water Management II; On site Wastewater Mgmt; Waste Water Mgmt Facilities Plan Loan; Rubbish/Recycling Collection; Building Maintenance

Feb 28, 2015: Public Works Site Visit

4. Approval of minutes from Feb 12, 2015 meeting: Motion to accept: John Souza; 2nd by Madeline O'Dell; Vote: Approve: 5; Abstain Josh Mello and Deb Janick

5. Adjourn approximately 9 pm

Recorded and submitted by Deborah G Janick, Secretary